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Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

There is no political unit deemed more important in our society than the basic body of individuals who are bound by ties of blood and law – the family.

It is every person's immediate source of love, security and support. It is the first school that teaches good manners, discipline, and values. It is a powerful force that shapes one's character as he gradually transitions from solely being a member of his family to being a player in less familiar and more complicated social and political settings. Indeed, the role of families in producing high-functioning, law-abiding, and socially adept citizens cannot be overemphasized. The State must hereby exercise all powers necessary to protect and strengthen this institution.

This bill proposes the establishment of community family resource and support programs tasked to offer sustained assistance to families, specifically to the parents. This Representation acknowledges that while parents may be expected to perform their parental obligations with much love and ease, we likewise admit that no two families are alike. Many are faced with unique challenges that hinder their development of a stable and happy home. For these cases, the State shall set up an agency with trained professionals and sufficient resources to extend intervention and/or support in the grassroots, well within the reach of our subject families.

Furthermore, a National Center on Family Resource and Support Programs shall be created under the leadership of the Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) for the effective monitoring and evaluation of community family resource and support centers nationwide.

In view of the foregoing premises, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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AN ACT  
TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE RELATING TO ALL TYPES OF FAMILY RESOURCE AND  
SUPPORT PROGRAMS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "**Family Resource Act.**"

**SECTION 2. Purpose.** – It is the purpose of this Act to –

1. stimulate the development and expansion of family resource and support programs that are prevention oriented;
2. encourage early intervention of such programs with families to ameliorate problem situations before such situations become crises; and
3. assist parents in enhancing their children's development to assure that their children enter school prepared and ready to learn.

**SECTION 3. Definition.** As used in this Act, the term "family resource and support programs" means community-based services that offer sustained assistance to families at various stages in their development. Such services shall promote parental competencies and behaviors that will lead to the healthy and positive personal development of parents and children through –

1. the provision of assistance to build family skills and assist parents in improving their capacities to be supportive and nurturing parents;

2. the provision of assistance to families to enable such families to use other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance that are available within the communities of such families; and
3. the creation of supportive networks to enhance the childbearing capacity of parents and assist in compensating for the increased social isolation and vulnerability of families.

**SECTION 4. *Establishment of National Center on Family Resource and Support Programs* –**

- a) ***Establishment.*** – The Secretary of Health shall establish, through grant or contract, a national center for the collection and provision of programmatic information and technical assistance that relates to all types of family resource and support programs.
- b) ***Functions.*** – The national center established under subsection (a) shall serve as a national information, training, technical assistance and material development source for family resource and support programs. Such center shall –
  - 1) establish a clearing house to develop and maintain a database on all types of family resource and support programs;
  - 2) develop and maintain a system for disseminating information on all types of family resource and support programs and on the state of family resource and support program development, including information concerning the most effective model programs;
  - 3) develop and sponsor a variety of training institutes and curricula for family resource and support program staff,
  - 4) identify several model programs representing the various types of family resource and support programs to develop technical assistance materials and activities to assist other agencies in establishing family resource and support programs; and
  - 5) develop nationwide networks of family resource and support programs for the purpose of sharing and disseminating information.

**SECTION 5. *Evaluation.*** – The Secretary of Health shall, through grants or contracts awarded or entered into with independent auditors, conduct evaluations and related activities of family resource and support programs including –

- 1) evaluations of on-going programs;
- 2) process evaluations focusing on implementation strategies; and
- 3) the development of simple evaluation models for use by local family resource
- 4) and support programs.

**SECTION 6. *Authorization of Appropriations.*** – To carry out the provisions of this Act, it is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year.

**SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or consistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*